Author Says Warren Panel Prejudged Case

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WASHINGTON (AP) — The author of several books critiqizing the official investigation of the assassination of President John F. Kennedy says he has evidence that the Warren Commission prejudged the case.

In a new book published Saturday, Harold Weisberg released a proposed outline of the Warren Commission report which he said established that "the conclusion was determined before the investigation began."

WEISBERG SAID the outline was submitted to the commission headed by then-Chief Justice Earl Warren in January 1964, before the panel began its investigation.

Weisberg said the outline included the assumption that Lee Harvey Oswald was the assassin, a conclusion later reached in the commission's final report.

Several critics, Including Weisberg, have disputed the commission findings that Oswald fired the fatal shots in Dallas, Tex., on Nov. 22, 1963, and that he acted alone.

AT A news conference called to discuss his book, Weisberg called for a "full, impartial and open investigation" of the assassination.

The book, entitled "Post Mortem," was published privately by Weisberg, who also has published a series of books called "Whitewash," which also disputed the Warren Commission findings.

Weisberg said his latest book includes evidence he obtained by filing law suits under the Freedom of Information Act. As a result of those suits, material from Warren Commission files stored in the National Archives was turned over to the author.

WEISBERG SAID that the commission never obtained the Kennedy death certificate [illegible] investigation.

He also said one of the doctors who participated in the autopsy on the late president later burned his notes and a preliminary draft of the autopsy report. Weisberg called that "a major flaw in any kind of investigation."

THE PROPOSED outline recommended that the report include evidence of Oswald's ownership of the rifle, his presence on the sixth floor of the Texas School Depository building, his actions after the assassination, and his statements after his arrest.